

Minutes

Mental Health & Addictions Committee

Governor's Commission on Senior Services
December 7, 2005
Department of Human Services

Attendees:	Elaine Barrett (Chair), Denise Dion, Marilyn Hinds, Remona Simpson, and Joan Staley
Guests:	Peggie Beck, Eunice Dutton, Kay Kirkbride, Sandra Moreland, Dolores Raymond, CJ Reid, Jack Roberts, and Maria Smith
Excused:	Chris Flammang, Chuck Frazier, Charles Kurtz, Linda Miller, and Barbara Nelson
Staff:	Becky Murphy and Marc Overbeck

Called Meeting to Order

The minutes were reviewed and approved. *Passed.* (Marilyn Hinds/Eunice Dutton)

The agenda was reviewed; Remona reported that PAMAC was canceled so asked that it be removed.

Announcements

Denise Dion reported Tim Malone was teaching a class, Mental Health and Aging, over the internet, and distributed a flier to committee members.

Denise reported she is a trainer for ASITS (Applied Suicide Intervention Training Skills), which is "suicide first aid" until the person can get professional help. She reported being available to present training to interested parties.

The Final Course Video

A video, The Final Course, was viewed (made from an Administration on Aging grant). It was seen to be an accurate portrayal of elder suicide.

Old Business

New OMHAS Staff Representatives—Sandra Moreland introduced CJ Reid, who replaces Devarshi Bajpai. CJ reported her background was with the State Hospital whose patients have addiction and mental health issues. She is also staff liaison to the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs and would like ideas and issues from GCSS to bring forward. CJ thought it would be beneficial for both the council and GCSS to work together towards funding sources and services during the next Legislative Session.

Older Adults' MH Profile and report from Subcommittee--Sandra distributed a county map and drafted profile for a report (subcommittee assisted) and went over them with the group. She plans to work with CJ and generate a second report regarding addictions.

Denise reported about the complex issues on funding and data information when serving the Medicaid population (managed care, a capitated system, and fee-for-service).

Delirium—There appears to be a lack of awareness from the general population and the medical field about delirium, which can be caused by medical reasons. A patient suffering from delirium does not need to be placed into the mental health system.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to copy and distribute previous handouts from Denise (national statistics on elder suicide).

Dolores reported about an earlier meeting on housing in which she requested a copy of a report on the homeless and housing. When received, Dolores will share with the committee; Eunice requested her to share it with General Issues also.

New Business

A guest police officer did not make it to the meeting and another officer will be invited again.

Updates

Sandra reported the agency was sued by the Oregon Advocacy Center for more people to be moved out of State Hospital. Since the suit, there has been plan development that includes assessment and housing. A report should be out soon, and new housing/treatment centers should be open by June 2007.

Sandra reported the Older Adult Suicide Prevention Plan will be ready to go to the printer by the week of Christmas.

Sandra reported on the analysis of SB 781 and planning for the treatment of older adults. A letter will be going out as a reminder to mental health providers on SB 781.

CJ requested members inform her on what kind of information to bring to the next Committee meeting.

Next Meeting Items

Invite a police officer to visit in January.

Sandra to complete and distribute a draft of the state mental health report.

Proposal to do some proactive planning.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to send out outcomes/results from last year's planning days to the committee members to be reviewed.

Marilyn expressed her interest in being on the steering committee for Suicide Prevention Planning.

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Due Date:
Further review the opportunity to participate in ASITS Training with Denise.	Denise, members	1/06
Copy and send out Denise's statistics on elder suicide.	Marc	1/06
Invite a police officer to speak at the January meeting.	Marc	1/06
Complete the MH report as requested.	Sandra	1/06
Send out last year's planning day results for review.	Marc	1/06